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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if the Government do not think this to be a matter of sufficient importance to call for information and satisfy themselves that the people do not die for want of drinking water ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall draw the attention of the Commissioner of Labour to this."

Police

Alleged arrest of Batcha Sahib for affixing a boycott poster.

* 200 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mount Road Police (D-2) arrested on the night of February 15th one Batcha Sahib under section 71, clause 16 of the City Police Act while he was affixing a boycott poster in General Patters Road on the wall of the Kardyl buildings ; and, if so, why he was so arrested ; and

(b) whether another bill sticker who attempted to put up boycott placards was arrested by the Police and was let off with a warning ; and, if so, why the Police interfere with the exercise of their rights by the citizens ?

A.—(a) Yes ; because his action fell under clause (xvi) of section 71 of the Madras City Police Act.

(b) There is no information.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the owner of the Kardyl buildings complained to the Police that the poster was being affixed without his permission or knowledge ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have no information, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reasons then why the Police arrested this person under a section which authorizes them to arrest only when there is a complaint by the owner that a poster is being put without his permission or authority ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I have said, I have no information. Possibly a complaint might have been made to the Police."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the Government are aware that a large number of young men went about affixing anti-boycott posters and whether such persons also were dealt with in the same manner as the persons who affixed boycott posters ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it, Sir ? "

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware that this man was arrested at the time of fixing the poster and that immediately after that, there was another with an anti-boycott poster who was encouraged to stick it on to the wall and was not arrested ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am glad for the information given, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, Sir, if the hon. the Home Member has any information as to whether the City Police made any distinction in effecting arrests between those who affixed boycott posters and those who affixed anti-boycott posters ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No distinction has been made, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member has enquired into the matter ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know with reference to which particular boycott was this particular man arrested ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have no information."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether the Government have given any instructions that anti-boycott posters should be encouraged and people with posters for boycott should be arrested ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" In view of the suggestions made in the supplementary questions, may I know whether the hon. the Home Member will see that such matters do not occur again ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I was not able to get any information from the hon. Members for me to take any action, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Sir, the hon. the Home Member said that he made an enquiry. May I know what sort of enquiry it was, of whom and where ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I called for a report from the Inspector-General of Police and went through it."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether it is a fact that some constables tore away the boycott posters as they were being affixed ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is prepared to lay a copy of the report of the Inspector-General of Police on the table of the House ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, Sir, on what is the answer contained in (*a*) based ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I have said, I referred the question to the Inspector-General of Police and got a report from him."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Inspector-General in his report tells that the owner of the Karydl buildings complained to the Police of this affixing of boycott poster without his permission ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall enquire into it."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the hon. the Home Member will call for specific information as regards this matter if it is not already contained in the report ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes, Sir."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Medical

Post-graduate training to physicians in Indian medicine.

201 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the utility of—

(1) giving post-graduate training in the Indian School of Medicine to physicians in Indian medicine now working in the dispensaries of indigenous medicine under taluk boards and municipalities ; and

(2) giving grants to private colleges and schools teaching Indian medicine ?

A.—(1) No.

(2) The Government have decided to consider in connexion with the budget for 1930–31 specific applications from private agencies for grants in respect of recognized schools of Indian medicine.

Criminal Justice

Magisterial powers to Taluk Head Accountants in certain districts.

202 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased

(i) to furnish a statement showing the districts where Taluk Head Accountants are still invested with magisterial powers ; and

(ii) to state (*a*) whether a Taluk Head Accountant-Magistrate is paid more than an ordinary Taluk Head Accountant ; and

(*b*) if so, the excess pay a Taluk Head Accountant-Magistrate gets for his additional work ?

A.—(i) A statement is placed on the table.[a]

(ii) (*a*) & (*b*) A Taluk Head Accountant who is a magistrate does not receive more pay than one who is not.

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